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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dairy farms maintained by the Army;

(b) the age at which the calves are separated from their mothers;

(c) whether the Government are aware that these farms are sending calves to slaughter houses illegally;

(d) if so, whether a case has been put against the army dairy farm in Lucknow; and

(e) if so, the action taken against the erring officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There are 43 dairy farms maintained by the Army.

(b) The calves are separated from their mothers within 7 days of their birth and fed processed milk to avoid transmission of milk borne diseases from cows to the calves.

(c) to (e): The Army Headquarters have constituted a Board of Officers to enquire into the matter. The Inquiry Report is awaited.